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Fellow Quartermaster Warrant Officers:

I consider it an honor and privilege to represent all Quartermaster Warrant Officers as the 11TH Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer. It is an extreme mark of distinction to work on behalf of such a truly talented and professional force; a task to which I pledge my dedicated effort. Key among these duties is serving as “principle advisor to the Quartermaster General on all matters concerning Quartermaster Warrant Officers” and acting “as an advocate and voice of Quartermaster Warrant Officers at the highest levels within the branch and army by addressing issues concerning personnel management, training, and professional development.”

We continue to be a nation at war as well as supporting disaster relief operations. Our Quartermaster Warrant Officers continue to be a vital and essential part of these efforts. They are the ones on the ground to ensure that our Warfighters are fed, equipped, fueled, and that supplies and repair parts are received in a timely manner. They also ensure that Army property is properly accounted for and supplies are delivered on target, via aerial delivery in some of the toughest terrain in the world. An error of just a few meters can make a difference between Soldiers receiving supplies or going off the side of a mountain in Afghanistan. I look forward to representing this great Corps and acting on behalf of their best interests. I will continue the efforts to improve the Warrant Officer Education System (WOES) and bring it more in line with the officer's education system. Our Quartermaster Warrant Officers must have relevant training to keep their edge and remain the technical and tactical experts in their chosen fields.

One of my goals is to send periodic updates out to the field to keep all of you abreast of matters pertaining to the Quartermaster Warrant Officers. This will be the first.

HOT TOPICS:

2010 Promotion List: The promotion lists for FY10 promotion board for Active Duty CW3, CW4, and CW5 was released at 0730 hours, EDT, 20 April 2010.

Congratulations to all of you who were selected for promotion on this year's board. We can expect promotions to be more competitive as we have lost slots in several of our Quartermaster fields. Now is the time to start preparing yourself for next year's board.

920A and 920B MOS Merge: There are currently no plans to merge MOS 920A and 920B

Creation of Mortuary Affairs Warrant Officer: Preliminary stages of consideration.

Creation of Contracting Warrant Officer: True- But not under QM (Acquisition Command Initiative). We will not merge QM WOs into the new MOS; it will be built from the ground up like we did with the 923A MOS.

Phase 3 WOSC/WOSSC: Developmental stages; projected to be launched in FY12. Training will consist of 40 Hours here at Fort Lee following the resident phase at Fort Rucker. Warrant Officers complete technical MOS training upon graduation from WOAC, normally in the 6-8 year mark of Warrant Officer service. The TRADOC Commander has authorized all branches to consider and develop Phase 3 of the WOSC/WOSSC, follow-on technical training pertaining to MOS specific professional military education. Our QM training development team is working on Phase 3 of the QM WOSC/WOSSC, which is projected for launch beginning FY12. Upon completion of the WOSC/WOSSC at the Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Rucker, QM Warrant Officers will attend a one-week follow-on course at Fort Lee, to provide strategic tactical training within your specific MOS.

RC-WOBC and RC-WOAC Redesign: RC courses will consist of two phases consisting of two three week courses. Reserve Component (RC) Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) and Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) recently experienced a course redesign. Prior to FY10, the RC-WOBC and RC-WOAC were Phase 1 of distance learning (DL) coursework, followed by the Phase 2 course, which consisted of a two-week resident course of instruction at Fort Lee, Virginia. The redesigned RC-WOBC and RC-WOAC affords the same course instruction for all QM Warrant Officers, regardless of compo. The respective courses consist of Phase 1 and Phase 2, each conducted for a 3 week plus 2 day time period. The courses may be completed in the same training year, which would mean one travel order to Fort Lee or in subsequent years (i.e., Phase 1 in FY10 and Phase 2 in FY11). All WOAC students are reminded of the requirement to complete the Army non-resident Action Officer correspondence study course (131-F41 or 131-P00) prior to attendance.

Quartermaster Symposium: The Quartermaster Symposium will be held during the week of 15-19 June 2010, at the US Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia. This year's Quartermaster theme is "Honoring the Past; Resetting for the Future." Warrant Officer Day will be on 16 June. The purpose of this year's conference is to facilitate discussions on Quartermaster Warrant Officer issues and to recognize Quartermaster Corps excellence. As in the past, the Quartermaster Symposium will prove to be an instructive and rewarding experience. I look forward to seeing you at the symposium this year.

Proposed Rank Change for CW5: The vast majority of CW5s and other Army Warrant Officers are dissatisfied with the current CW5 rank insignia as, as it is easily confused with a 1LT or people just don't know what it is. CSA was briefed and given proposed rank insignia; CSA wants to see more options.

WO1 Commissioning: Army Warrant Officers are currently appointed in the USAR and commissioned and integrated into the Regular Army upon promotion to the rank of CW2. WO1s are scheduled to be commissioned and assessed into the Regular Army in 2011.

Mentorship: We are in the process of setting up a mentorship link on WO Net. Plans are to have a link for each QM MOS as well as a section featuring QM Warrant Officer Accomplishments. If you have any news items or articles featuring QM WOs. Please forward them to me and I will submit them.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued service and the many sacrifices that you are making. Stay focused and maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. May God bless all of you and your families as you serve. Army Strong!

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